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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT : Preliminaries for Dulles-Dean-Laloy Talk at
SHAPE-60, 22 June 1960

1. The 3 February preparatory meeting of Sir Patrick Dean, M. Laloy, and the SHAPE people, with me sitting in for you, got off to a good start. All shared your desire for informality; the three of you would simply converse about an agreed list of topics, without any set speeches.

2. The briefing will open the second day of the 21-24 June exercise. M. Spaak will be the only speaker on the first day. Dean and Laloy both expect to come hear what he has to say. As chairman, you might wish to do so too. The audience will be around 300 (service chiefs and senior military from NATO countries, the NATO commanders and senior staffs, and a few civilians. Simultaneous translation will be used.

3. All agreed that to carry off properly such an unscripted informal briefing, considerable spadework and prior rehearsal would be essential. This can be done largely by mail, but Dean and Laloy would want at least one "rehearsal" with you, perhaps a day in advance.

4. Our first thoughts were to cover four broad problem areas: (1) changes in the Soviet bloc; (2) overall Soviet foreign policy aims; (3) key non-military factors affecting Soviet foreign policy,

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e.g. economic prospects, Sino-Soviet relations, Satellite problems, disarmament, Berlin/Germany, relations with the non-NATO world, impact of Western policy; and (4) key military factors, especially the changes in Soviet capabilities, force reductions, etc. (though without getting into technical detail). This last is especially important as a backdrop for the immediately following discussion on how NATO should meet the changing Soviet threat.

5. Two hours are allocated, 50-60 minutes for your presentation, a 20 minute break, and the remainder for questions. Hence, the big thing is to have clearly understood in advance which topics will not be covered, and which are worth only a word. Otherwise it will be difficult to get through the agenda in time.

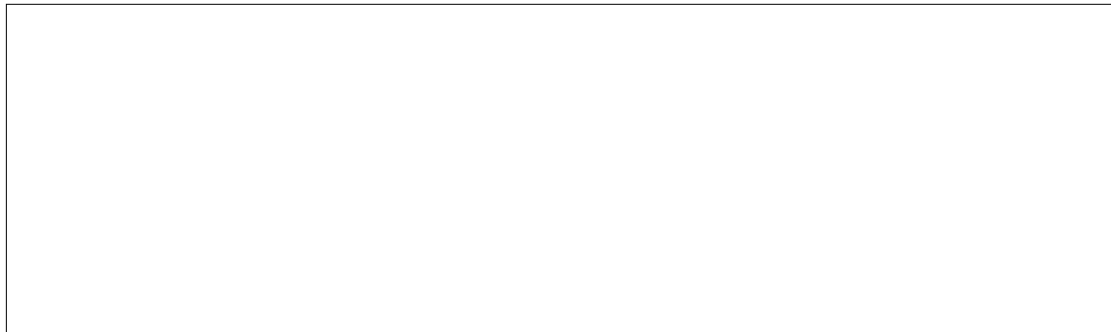
6. Laloy and Dean both would prefer to talk as "individuals" rather than as representing their govts. I heartily agreed to this fiction on your behalf. It will be so noted on the program.

7. In addition to a global polar projection map as backdrop, JIB will do charts on Bloc vs. NATO Economic Growth 1955-60, and Bloc vs. Western Foreign Trade (for our comment in advance). There can also be a chart of the tripartitely agreed military figures from the new EG 161 exercise in March.

8. The SHAPE staff will be sending you a draft outline arising from the Paris talk. Dean and Laloy plan to meet again at SHAPE on Friday, 26 February to discuss it, and will probably want to meet a few more times before June (Dean felt that the three of you should get the preliminaries well under control before you become heavily engaged

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in Summitry, etc.). How do you wish to handle our end from here on?



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b. If satisfactory, I could handle whatever staffing is needed from here (comments and draft replies to the extensive correspondence which is likely, and some notes for the briefing itself).

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